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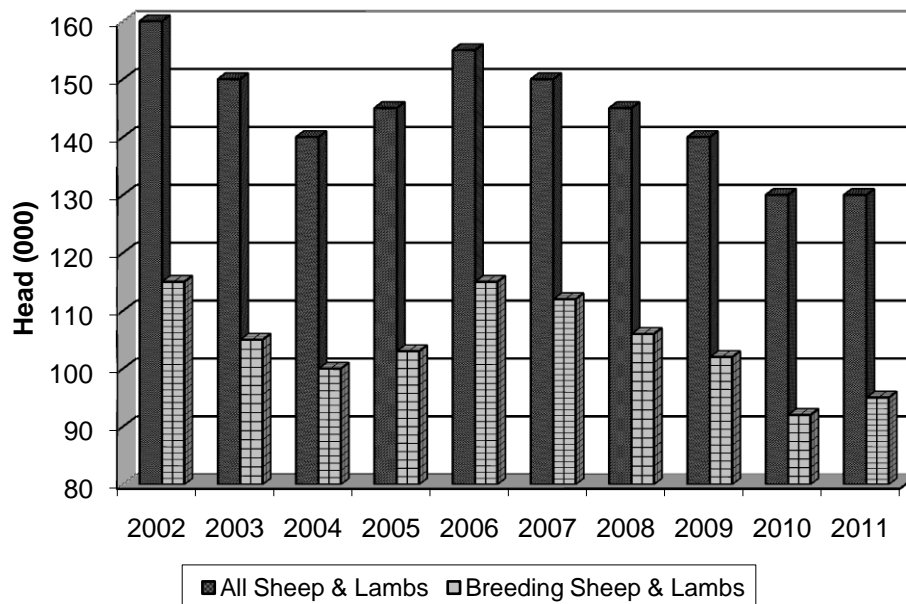
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MINNESOTA'S SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY UNCHANGED

Minnesota's January 1, 2011, sheep and lamb inventory at 130,000 head was unchanged from last year, according to USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Breeding stock numbers were up 3 percent at 95,000. The remaining inventory of 35,000 market lambs and sheep was down 8 percent from last year. Of the 35,000 total lambs and sheep for slaughter market, 1,000 were mature sheep (1 year old and older) and the remaining 34,000 were lambs under 1 year. Market lambs by weight group were estimated as follows: under 65 pounds: 8,000; 65-84 pounds: 6,000; 85-105 pounds: 7,000; over 105 pounds: 13,000.

Minnesota's 2009 lamb crop totaled 125,000 head, down 4 percent from the previous year. The 2009 lambing rate was 164 per 100 ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 2010, compared with 157 per 100 ewes in 2009.

All Sheep & Lambs and Breeding Sheep & Lambs Minnesota 2002-2011



MINNESOTA'S WOOL PRODUCTION UNCHANGED FROM 2009

Minnesota's 2010 wool production totaled 830,000 pounds unchanged from the 2009 level. Minnesota is ranked 11th in 2010 U.S. wool production. The 130,000 sheep and lambs shorn in 2010 were also unchanged from 2009. Fleece weight averaged 6.4 pounds, same as the previous year. Value of the state's 2010 wool production was \$357,000, up 48 percent from the previous year's value of \$241,000. Average price per pound for 2010 was 43 cents, up 14 cents from the 2009 price.

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MINNESOTA'S MEAT AND OTHER GOAT INVENTORY UP 14 PERCENT

Minnesota's January 1, 2011, meat and other goat inventory, at 25,000, was up 14 percent from the January 1, 2010, figure. The milk goat inventory, at 12,000, was down 8 percent from the 2010 figure, while angora goats, at 1,000, were unchanged from last year.

U.S. TOTAL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2011, totaled 5.53 million head, down 2 percent from 2010. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.12 million head on January 1, 2011, down 2 percent from 4.19 million head on January 1, 2010. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.26 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2011, totaled 1.42 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2010. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-seven percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 21 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 34 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total marketings.

The 2010 lamb crop of 3.60 million head, was down 2 percent from 2009. The 2010 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2010, unchanged from 2009.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2010 was 30.6 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2009. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.22 million head, up slightly from 2009. The average price paid for wool sold in 2010 was \$1.15 per pound for a total value of 35.3 million dollars, up 45 percent from 24.3 million dollars in 2009.

U.S. TOTAL GOAT INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2011, totaled 3.00 million head, down 1 percent from 2010. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.49 million head, down 1 percent from 2010. Does one year old and older, at 1.84 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 514,000 head, down 1 percent from a year ago. **Kid crop** for 2010 totaled 1.91 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2009. **Meat and all other goats** totaled 2.47 million head on January 1, 2011, down 2 percent from 2010. Milk goat inventory increased to 360,000 head, 1 percent above January 1, 2010, while Angora goats were up 7 percent, totaling 172,000 head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2010 was 1.09 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 181,000 head. Average weight per clip was 6.0 pounds. Mohair price was \$3.49 per pound with a value of 3.79 million dollars.

Goats: Number by Class, United States, January 1, 2010-2011

Item	Total	Breeding	Market	Kid Crop ¹
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
2010				
Angora	161,000	142,000	19,000	83,000
Milk	356,000	321,000	35,000	252,000
Meat	2,521,000	2,056,000	465,000	1,612,000
All	3,038,000	2,519,000	519,000	1,947,000
2011				
Angora	172,000	150,000	22,000	80,000
Milk	360,000	325,000	35,000	265,000
Meat	2,468,000	2,011,000	457,000	1,566,000
All	3,000,000	2,486,000	514,000	1,911,000

¹ Kid Crop for 2010 refers to kids born in 2009. Kid Crop for 2011 refers to kids born in 2010.